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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 31, 1864.—Referred to Committee of Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

[By the CHAIR.]

MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT.

RICHMOND, VA., May 30, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit, for your consideration, communications from the proper officers, submitting estimates of the amounts required to carry out the provisions of the act, approved May 13, 1864, authorizing additional compensation to certain officers and employees in the civil and legislative departments of the Government.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

C. S. A., EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, Va., May 30, 1864.

His Excellency, THE PRESIDENT:

SIR: I have the honor to forward, for transmission to Congress, the following estimates of the additional sums required to pay the salaries of your private secretary and messenger, from May 16th to December 31, 1864, inclusive, under the act approved May 13, 1864, authorizing additional compensation to certain civil employees of the Government:

Additional sum required to pay the salaries of the President's private secretary and messenger, from May 16, to December 31, 1864 inclusive, $1,252 75

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
BURTON N. HARRISON,
Disbursing Agent.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, CLERK'S OFFICE,
Richmond, May —, 1864.

Hon. C. G. MEMMINGER,
Secretary of the Treasury:

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following additional estimate for an appropriation required by the House of Representatives:

Increased compensation of officers of the House of Representatives, authorized by the "act to continue in force, and amend the provisions of an act, approved January, 30, 1864, increasing the compensation of certain officers and employees in the civil and legislative departments, at Richmond," approved May 13, 1864, viz:

From May 15, to June 30, 1864,	$1,125 00
For six months, ending December 31, 1864,	5,700 00
Total,	$6,825 00

Very respectfully,
A. R. LAMAR,
Clerk and Disbursing Officer, H. R.

STATE DEPARTMENT.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Richmond, May 24, 1864.

To the PRESIDENT:

SIR: I have the honor herewith to transmit, in triplicate, estimate for an appropiation required by this Department to carry into effect the act of Congress approved May 13, 1864, entitled "An act to continue in force, and amend the provisions of an act approved January 30, 1864, increasing the compensation of certain officers and employees in the civil and legislative departments at Richmond.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
J. P. BENJAMIN,
Secretary of State.

ESTIMATE for an appropriation required by the Department of State, to carry into effect an act of Congress, approved May 13, 1864, entitled "An act to continue in force, and amend the provisions of an act approved January 30, 1864, increasing the compensation of certain officers and employees in the civil and legislative departments at Richmond."

For chief clerk, three clerks and one messenger,	$4,081 00

J. P. BENJAMIN,
Secretary of State.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, C. S. A.,
Richmond, May 23, 1864.

To the PRESIDENT:

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith an estimate of the amount required for the increased compensation of the officers, clerks and employees of this Department under recent act of Congress extending the increase of pay to certain officers and employees of the Executive Departments, from the 15th May to 31st. December 1864, inclusive.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. G. MEMMINGER,
Secretary of Treasury.

ADDITIONAL APPROXIMATE ESTIMATE for the Treasury Department and its several bureaus, in pursuance of recent act of Congress extending the increase of pay to certain officers and employees of the Executive Departments, &c., from the 15th May, 1864, to 1st January, 1865:

For compensation of the Secretary of the Treasury, Assistant Secretary, Comptroller, Auditors, Treasurer, and Register, and clerks, messengers, watchmen and laborers in the Treasury Department, $605,702 15

Six hundred and five thousand seven hundred and two dollars and fifteen cents.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. STROTHER.
Disbursing Clerk, Treasury Department.

May 23, 1864.

To Hon. C. G. MEMMINGER,
Secretary of Treasury.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
War Department,
Richmond, Va, May 18, 1864,

TO THE PRESIDENT *of the Confederate States:*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith an estimate of the amount required for the compensation of the officers, clerks and em-

ployees of this Department, under the act of Congress just approved, extending the increase of pay to certain officers and employees of the Executive Departments, from the 15th instant, to 1st of January, 1865.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

ADDITIONAL APPROXIMATE ESTIMATE for the War Department and its several bureaus, in pursuance of the act of Congress just passed, extending the increase of pay to certain officers and employees of the Executive Departments, &c., from the 15th instant, to 1st January, 1865:

For compensation of the Secretary of War, Assistant Secretary, chief of bureau, clerks, messengers, and other employees, $258,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED CHAPMAN,
Disbursing Clerk, War Department.

May 18, 1864.

To the Hon. JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, May 20, 1864.

TO THE PRESIDENT:

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following estimates of the sums required for the increased compensation of the chiefs of bureaus, clerks, watchmen, messengers, and laborers of the Post-Office Department, from the 16th of May to 31st December, 1864, under "An act to continue in force and amend the provisions of an act approved January 30th, 1864, increasing the compensation of certain officers and employees in the civil and legislative departments at Richmond," approved 13th May, 1864, to wit:

For three chiefs of bureaus, at $1,500 per annum,	$ 2,818 68
For one chief clerk, at $1,250 per annum,	782 96
For one topographer, at $1,250 per annum,	782 96
For three principal clerks, at $1,500 per annum,	2,818 68
For one disbursing clerk, at $1,500 per annum,	939 56
For forty-one clerks, at $1,500 per annum,	38,521 96
For one watchman, at $750 per annum,	469 78
For two messengers, at $750 per annum,	939 56
For one messenger, at $600 per annum,	375 82
For three laborers, at $2 25 der diem,	1,552 50
For ten clerks in the branch of the Post-Office Department, west of the Mississippi, at $1,500 per annum,	9,395 60
Making,	$59,398 06

The estimate for the increased pay of the clerks in the branch of the Post-Office Department west of the Mississippi river, is made pursuant to the provisions of the third section of the "Act to authorize the appointment of an agent of the Post-Office Department, and such clerks as may be necessary to carry on the postal service west of the Mississippi river," approved February 10th, 1864, which provides that their compensation shall not exceed that of the other clerks of a similar grade employed in the Post-Office Department; the date of this act being subsequent to the 30th January 1864, the date of the act securing the increased compensation to the clerks and others in this city.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN H. REAGAN,

Postmaster General.

NAVY DEPARTMENNT.

ESTIMATE of the amount required for compensation of the clerks in the office of the Secretary of the Navy, under "Act to increase their pay," approved January 30th, 1864, from the 15th of May to the 31st of December, 1864, inclusive.

For compensation of the Secretary of the Navy, clerks and messenger in his office, eight thousand six hundred and twenty-one dollars and three cents, $8,621 03

This estimates was submitted to Congress with the estimates of the Navy Department at the beginning of the present session.

S. R. MALLORY,

Secretary of the Navy.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, May 30, 1864.

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